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THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Phillips Brooks.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young;
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul, full of music, breaks forth on the air
When the song of the angel is sung.
It is coming, Old Earth, it is coming tonight!
On the snowflakes which cover the sod.
The feet of the Christ child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ child tells out with de-
light
That mankind are the children of God.

THE NEED OF REFRESHMENT.

Frederick L. Fagley.

The most sensitive portion of a person's being is that which we know as the soul, the inner, vital spark of life.

We know how often our bodies become exhausted and their need of rest and refreshment. We know also how easy it is for our minds to become exhausted, our mental energy dissipated, and our thoughts involved with many unimportant or worthless things, and the need that our minds be clarified, refreshed and strengthened.

It is not as easy to understand the corresponding condition and needs of the soul, but one's soul does become covered over with the dust of doubt, the mists of perplexity and the uncertainties which creep into one's inner being so easily. In the midst of these things how easy to harden one's heart, and instead of turning to God for illumination and refreshment to try to "climb up some other way."

What we need at all times, but particularly at such times of spiritual fatigue, is a new vision of God, a new sense of comradeship with Him, a new understanding of His law and His life. That is, we need fellowship with the Divine, so that there may be cast out of our thinking the disappointments of yesterday, the failures of the year, the conscious limitations of our own life; and like a child, open our minds to our Heavenly Father, that he may talk to us.

This is the ideal of evangelistic service and the aim of devotional culture: To know Him and to

make Him real; to understand for ourselves His law and to help others to walk in that way.

To be able to live a life of calm and assurance we must know the inspiration which comes from our Bible, to read it daily, and let the Spirit of God speak through the words of Scripture to our souls. We must know the language of devotion and the method of approach to the Divine, and these things can be ours if we are willing to submit our wills to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us all be careful lest we become lost in the pursuit of our own interests and over-eager for the things we love and the organizations with which we have to do. Let us remember that men have souls and hearts wherein is a great hunger which God has put there and which can be satisfied only by Himself. Let us be true men and women, willing to attempt the great adventure—the adventure of faith and true living, that we may have fellowship with Christ, our Savior and Lord, and comradeship with all men of good will. May something of the glory of His life be reflected in our own, and to this end may we be united in prayer and in service that our own hearts and the hearts of many others may be turned unto Him. Let us be willing and ready to be used in such ways as God will bless and to use that which he has committed to each one of us that His kingdom may truly come in the hearts of men.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The Conference office received December 19th from the National Society of Ministerial Relief a check for \$597.55 to be distributed to all pensioners of the California Ministerial Relief Society. This is a basic contribution of \$40.00 to each of the pensioners. With the checks goes the Merry Christmas of the Northern California Conference.

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THE PLEDGE.

by Rev. Wm. H. Van Allen.

(An Every Member Canvass Meditation.)

To pledge or not to pledge—that is the question:
Whether 'tis nobler in a man to gather
The Church's blessings free, and leave the others
To foot the bills and spread the gospel tidings,
Or to take pen, to sign the pledge that's duplex
And share the cost. To write—to sign—to pledge—
To pledge, perchance to pay! Ay, there's the rub;
For in six months I may have lowered salary,
Stocks may have sunk, or bad investments swat me,
And then, besides the increased cost of living
Must give me pause; then, too, there's the respect
I owe myself to run a costly motor;
The dues of clubs; the children off to college!
Why not content myself with casual giving
On pleasant Sundays when I journeyed churchward
And not commit myself to certain moneys?
Why not? Because I do not propose to be a slacker!

CLOSING THE BOOKS.

As usual the Conference office will hold its books open until January 10th. All money received prior to that time will be credited in the Next Year Book. Any money reaching us as late as the morning of January 11th cannot be recorded until a year later. It is, therefore, very important that remittances from all organizations be in the Conference office at the close of business January 10th.

At the close of business December 19th, we found that the following churches had met at least 60 per cent of their apportionment: Bay Point, Berkeley, First, Berkeley Bethany, Ceres, Lockeford, Murphys, Fruitvale, Paradise, Petaluma, San Francisco Bethany, Santa Rosa First, Saratoga, Santa Cruz, Stockton, Woodside. This is 60 per cent of the amount apportioned by the Committee on Systematic Benevolence. Three of the above churches have met their apportionment in full; two other churches should be included as having attained 60 per cent namely, Fairfax and Broadmoor, neither of them were rec-

ognized when the apportionments were made. Normally they have attained this standard of giving.

After January 10th the Conference will publish the list of all churches together with the apportionment and the amount received during the year 1923.

SUPT. WM. J. MINCHIN.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE.

The Fourth Conference of Pastors of all denominations in Northern California to be held in the First Baptist Church of Berkeley under the auspices of the Pacific School of Religion gives promise of being the "best ever." The program which is mailed to all pastors is full of interest. Dean Charles F. Brown of the Yale Divinity School is the leading speaker, his name appearing nine times. In connection with this conference he gives four Earl Lectures on vital themes.

The Conference covers three days, January 15, 16 and 17. There are no fees charged; the meetings are open to all denominations; and the ladies of Berkeley churches will generously provide entertainment for the night and breakfast for all those who register.

INTERPRETING LIFE.

The Merrick lectures of 1923 at the Ohio Wesleyan University were given by Lynn Harold Hough, pastor of one of the largest Methodist churches in Detroit. He took for the title of five addresses "Synthetic Christianity." Those who have read Dr. Hough,—and who has not?—will be immediately attracted to this book by its unusual title. The author keeps up to his level of good thinking in this last volume of his.

Under five heads he discusses Truth; Goodness; Beauty; Brotherhood; and Godliness. In each case he prefixes the word Triumphant,—Triumphant Truth, Goodness, etc. His attempt is to find some principle which will bring the varied systems of philosophy into a higher unity. One will note immediately, not what the author is going to say, (for that is unpredictable) but the trend of his argument. Dr. Hough has not solved all the problems, but he has thrown an interpreting light upon them. He has helped along 'the quest'. "In a sense, human life is just a great series of quests," he writes; "and of these one of the very most fascinating is the quest for beauty." This quest for beauty he declares, is both a "glorious thing and a tragic thing"; it has made its magnificent contribution to the good of the world, but also "isolated from moral and spiritual sanctions" it has been far other than a benediction. (The Abingdon Press; New York; pp 208. Price \$1.50 net.)

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Etna Mills.—The Federated Church here believes in the united action of the Methodist and Congregational churches in working under one pastor is productive of great good. Neither church was willing to give up its identity; but they both felt the work would be more effective under one leader. Rev. Charles H. Dains who was the Congregational pastor accepted a call last summer to the church at Etna Mills. The vacancy thus made has been filled by Rev. A. B. Morten a Methodist minister from Canada. He and his wife and little daughter now occupy the Congregational parsonage. The morning services and union Sunday school are held in the Methodist building while the Young People's meeting and evening services are held in the Congregational building. The Sunday School is well organized. For the past month the evening congregations have averaged one hundred. The work among the young people is full of promise; the organization is new; on the second Sunday there were fifty in attendance, most of them being High School students.

Santa Cruz. Rev. Burton M. Palmer, pastor. In December we received four men and two women into membership. This makes 37 for the year of whom 20 were on confession or re-confession of faith. A successful Every-Member Canvass was carried on by twenty men of the church. Besides the usual current expense the budget contains \$700 for street work and \$800 for repainting the church building. The pastor is giving a series of short talks to boys and girls each Sunday morning to a 'Go-to-church-band' which numbers forty.

Lockeford. The McPherson movement which played such havoc with our strong church at Lodi has spilled over into Lockeford. Lodi had a membership well up toward 400, and thus could stand somewhat better the strain of this dissension; but Lockeford has less than 40 members, and that means death when factions appear. One person in the region reports that "fundamentalism of the tongues sort has broken loose here; and it pronounces our church dead." The pastor Rev. J. J. Kelly, is being vigorously importuned and urged to get into the movement, but wisely he is keeping out, all the time endeavoring to save real religion from the fanatical chaos, but not fighting the other side. These reactionary ones would change the Christ who is the Lamb of God, into the Lion of the Tribe of Judah; they have gone from love to vengeance, gloating over the prospect of slaying sinners with the sword and trampling them under their feet and dyeing their garments in their blood. Mr. Kelly has a problem

on his hands that will require more than human wisdom to solve.

Antioch. G. Southwell Brett, pastor. One of the problems the pastor met with upon taking charge of this field was the clearing of the title to the church property. Like many other Congregational Churches in the west, the deed to the property had a reversionary clause. Mr. Brett has been working steadily at this problem and at last has succeeded in 'quieting title.' The church now actually owns its property. The Womans Guild has recently installed an electric organ blower; and also built a new cistern for the parsonage.

Honolulu: Central Union. Rev. Albert W. Palmer received 18 new members into the church on the first Sunday in December; 15 of them were by letter representing besides the Congregational Church, the Presbyterians, the Reformed, Church of Christ, Federated, Episcopal and Baptist.

Fresno: Pilgrim Armenian.—The Church School is a third smaller than at this time a year ago. The Sunday and Mid-week audiences of the church, also our contributions in money to religious work at home and abroad, reveal a similar movement downward almost in the same proportion. It is chiefly due to an Armenian Exodus from Fresno, which seems to be steadily increasing. Families are moving away from the Valley, bound mostly for Southern California. The cause of it is the industrial crisis through which the farming community of this region is passing. It is marked by a tremendous falling off in land values and in market prices of all fresh and dried fruits. Probably one fifth of all Armenian growers have abandoned their ranches, forfeiting all previous payments on the property which in many instances amount to thousands of dollars, the total savings of a life time. This is the material side of the picture. We earnestly hope and pray that on the spiritual side it may assume a different aspect before we get through. "We are pressed on every side, but not strained; perplexed, but not in despair." We are far from discouraged. We are preaching and practising christian optimism. We feel sure that all things work together for good. We even anticipate a spiritual blessing as the outcome of the temporal suffering.

San Francisco, Mission Park.—It has been the custom of the Church, for the Ladies' Aid Society to hold a sale of work in the month of December. This year, by collaborating with the organization of younger women, the Priscilla Club, the Christian

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Endeavor Society, and The Willing Workers class of the Church School, a bazaar was held. Instead of the usual report of a hundred dollars made by such effort, the total results for all the organizations taking part was about four hundred and seventy. The Church has appointed a committee of seven of its leaders to go into the possibilities of complete self-support by the first of January 1925.

Crockett. Edmund Owens, pastor. The two Aid Societies of the Community Church gave the pastor and wife a reception. There were 200 present. Music of high order was rendered by the Welsh Male choir. On December 9th the town of Valona and Crockett were districted for an every member Canvass. Ten trustees went out two by two and canvassed the whole district with gratifying results. A White Christmas Exercise was given on the 16th by the Joint Sunday Schools under the direction of the pastor's wife. The Aid Societies entertained the Sunday Schools at a program and Christmas tree on December 20th. A goal of 24 new members has been set for January 1st, 1924, fourteen names are already in and the rest will be forthcoming before the new year. The Community Church is a going concern.

Niles.—E. C. Oakley pastor. The Sunday School class of girls, under the leadership of Mrs. J. C. Shinn, gave a Christmas party to the church and Sunday School, which included a supper and games; and they donated their receipts to the Del Valle Home for under-nourished children. After paying some necessary expenses, the amount turned over to the fund was \$13.00. The church recently took an offering of \$16.00 for the Ministerial Relief.

Ferndale.—The church after nearly a half century of service, has recently been greatly improved by dividing the interior into a small auditorium and suitable rooms for the work of the women's societies. This part of the building will also serve as a social hall, and above this, is a large balcony providing ample room for any congregation which may overflow the auditorium. The lowered ceiling with indirect lighting, the harmonious color scheme of interior decoration, and a pipeless furnace are features in the final excellent results of the tireless planning of the building committee. Most of the

fund used, was secured during the pastorate of the Rev. Roscoe Douglass, and expended with care and skill, it has furnished a commodious building meeting many of the needs of the various organizations of the church. During these seven weeks, morning worship has been conducted in the Odd Fellows Hall by courtesy of the order, and, on Sabbath evenings this congregation has enjoyed the hospitality of the M. E. Church, the pastors preaching on alternate Sundays. A re-dedication service is planned for a Sabbath in January. The Sunday School is very small, but has kept faith with its Missionary Chart, and will give a good Christmas program. The Christian Endeavor has had many good meetings, several socials and entertained the county executive committee three times this year. Financially, they have paid a fifteen dollar pledge to the county, sent ten pounds of home made candy to the prisoners at San Quentin, and paid five dollars for Christmas candy for the old folks at the County Hospital. The Senior and Junior Ladies' Aid organizations are united into one efficient group always ready for service.

Fort Bidwell.—John R. Shoemaker pastor. At a recent meeting of the White Church, the pastor asked for a show of hands of those who desired to live a Christian life, and about thirty responded. From 100 to 200 Indians attend the Indian Church service; and 27 Indian boys and 17 Indian girls attend the Wednesday Bible Class. This is a new feature undertaken at the request of Supt. Gray. The basement of the Indian church is nearly ready for the New Year's dinner; they need a good cook stove. Supt. Gray of the Indian Mission is a Beloit college man, a classmate of Rev. Oscar Maurer of New Haven. Gifts of money and large boxes of toys and other Christmas tokens have been received from many churches for the Indians and there is an assurance of a happy time for them. For their Christmas celebration Indians will come from a radius of fifty miles or more, from Nevada, and Oregon, and the Pitt River Country.

A BEASTLY THING.

Prof. T. R. Glover in a recent address said:

"I have a friend, a brilliant man, who became discontented with religion; he loved men, and he resigned his position in a great university to take up settlement work in a large city. He told me of a case when he was living in Sheffield, of a man whom he struggled with to save from a drunken, vicious life. He even took this drunken sot to live with him, but every now and again the man would fall before the old temptation. Then—I quote his own words to me 'a beastly thing in the shape of a big

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noise came along,' and the trouble was ended. The 'beastly thing with the big noise' was the Salvation Army, and"—and here Prof. Glover spoke as though he knew angels were listening and rejoicing—"and something happened to that drunken sot, and my friend had to confess that something had succeeded where he had failed."

AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE.

A multitude of folk will be grateful to Wade Crawford Barclay for preparing and to the Abingdon Press for publishing "A Book of Worship, for use at Table on Every Day of the Year." That is not the rightful title of the book. The first words will do; and the remainder is a sub-title, needful to differentiate this excellent volume from a good many others.

When the family is gathered at the breakfast table, and that does happen sometimes even in these 'advanced' days, there is a fine opportunity to do something that will be thought to be religious. But what to do? That is the problem in the minds of many women. Mr. Barclay, with the assistance of the Abingdon Press, has settled that.

Here is a page a day for the whole year; each page has a title, a verse of Scripture to be memorized or to be emphasized at least; then a short Bible reading, followed by a few pertinent quotations, excellent quotations they are. At the bottom of the page is a prayer that just fits in with what has gone before.

Now any head-of-the-family who will take this book each morning in his hand and use it will find that there is no special difficulty in bringing to the minds and hearts of those gathered about the table something of real value for the day, and perhaps for the lifetime. And it is all within the space of three minutes; no more than three minutes by the watch, not hurriedly, but all done smoothly, reverently and thoughtfully. (The Abingdon Press, New York. Pages 383; price \$2.50 net.)

THE MINISTER.

Rev. Rowland B. Dodge is making steady improvement; it is slow work, but he is getting back again much to the comfort of his many friends. He is still at the Red Cross Hospital in San Mateo. His friends are rejoicing over the fact that he had at the time of his accident insurance of such a nature that he will be cared for during the remainder of his life. His church at Redwood City has very graciously granted him a leave of absence for one year.

Rev. J. B. Silcox, who in his later years is devoting himself to the care of needy churches, is to take charge of the church at Pacific Grove for nine months as their acting pastor. The invitation was

unanimous on the part of the people.

Rev. Francis M. De Weese who has been in service in former years in Colorado has received and accepted a call to become pastor of the church at Martinez.

Rev. F. A. Bissell of Sunnyvale, since his injuries received in an auto accident, has been having an attack of pleurisy, but it is reported that he is lately much improved in health.

Rev. Henry H. Kelsey of the American Board has been chosen as the president of the San Francisco Coolidge College Men's Club. The Club has already a large and enthusiastic membership. Secretary Kelsey is a graduate of Amherst College, from which President Coolidge also graduated.

Rev. Loyal L. Wirt, who is now International Commissioner of the Near East Relief, is at home for the holidays. Early in February he leaves for Spain, Italy, Greece, and Egypt as lecturer on the Raymond-Whitcomb Cruise with 430 tourists. Before returning home in May he expects to visit Germany for a brief study of conditions there.

It was the announcement of Charles L. Kloss upon resigning from Plymouth Church, Oakland that he would be glad to fill in wherever his services would be of value; and the San Mateo church has accepted the proposition. They have asked him to supply the pulpit as acting pastor until next July; and he has acceded to their request.

On Monday, December 10th, the Rev. Benjamin St. John celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday in a picnic out of doors under the auspices of the Santa Clara Prunes. There were several birthday cakes and a general good time. Mr. St. John has been in the active ministry pretty close on to fifty years. He is still hale and hearty and good for years to come.

Rev. John R. Shoemaker who is pastor at Fort Bidwell has been seriously ill during some past weeks, but is reported now as nearly recovered. His wife has been doing kindergarten work in the church, and will begin on domestic science for the Indian women as soon as proper equipment is at hand; a few of the Indian women who are very good cooks will assist her.

Rev. Harry S. McCready comes as pastor to the Plymouth Church Oakland early in the year. He has been for the past five years pastor of the large and efficient church at Willimantic Conn. He comes with high commendations from his eastern friends, who are sorry to lose him from the nutmeg state. One old-time friend of his writes of him; "I cannot forbear telling you of the impression he has made

upon the life of Willimantic; he is a very unusual preacher, his pastoral watch and care surpasses that of any man I ever knew. He has been a general factor in the community life." Oakland and Plymouth Church will afford him a wide field of service and a great opportunity.

Prof. Arthur Bissell of Pomona College has been spending his vacation for the Christmas time at Stockton with his son.

Rev. H. B. Mowbray of the San Bernardino First Church received 44 new members in December, 23 of them on confession. It was a great day for the pastor and the Church.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The fine new office erected by the Columbia Church, Seattle, was dedicated November 25th. The outstanding feature of the program was a remarkable sermon by Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins, whose subject was, "Jesus, the Savior of the World." Subscriptions were received to the amount of \$1,000. The Sunday after the dedication twenty-three members were added to the church and the Sunday School attendance was 280. This church will hold a series of evangelistic services beginning January 6th, under the leadership of Rev. Norman B. Harrison, formerly pastor of the University Presbyterian Church, Seattle. Rev. George V. McClure, who became the pastor of this church less than two years ago, deserves much credit for its present growth and prosperity, which is also largely due to the faithful seed-sowing of Rev. H. M. Painter, during his long pastorate.

The Board of Trustees of the Washington Congregational Conference, held its semi-annual meeting, December 11th, in the new parish house of the First Church, Walla Walla. In view of the pressing conditions in the cities of Spokane and Tacoma, the Board endorsed the policy of developing two strong churches in each of these cities; one on the north side and one on the south. Congregational people on the north side, in Spokane and on the south side in Tacoma are urged to co-operate in carrying out this program.—H. F. B.

CALLS

Ernest Goudge, The Dalles, Oregon, to Hillyard and Orchard Prairie, Washington.

Rev. Robert G. Harbutt, Stevenson, Washington, to Cathlamet.

Clay E. Palmer, Lewiston Idaho, to Pullman, Washington.

William J. Osborne to Priest River, Idaho.

Samuel H. Upton to Stevenson, Washington.

THE PASTORAL OFFICE.

Dean James Albert Beebe of the Boston University School of Theology has issued a volume with the above title, full of common sense, good advice and clear information concerning the duties and privileges, and also concerning some of the weaknesses and dangers of the pastoral relationship. He has availed himself of the best literature of all denominations upon the subject; and he has enriched the volume with the results of his own experience in, and meditations on the work of the ministry.

The book is put forth for the special use of those who are beginning the ministry, and we know of no better guide than this for such. But Prof. Beebe has words of value for the minister who has been long time in the service.

He divides his matter under three heads; 1. Worship; 2. Administration; and 3. Pastoral Relations. Any one of these is enough for a single volume. Yet into his 300 pages he condenses the wisdom of the ages. In nine chapters he discusses every phase of worship; he gives 14 chapters to administration, which shows how the work of the minister has undergone radical change within the past thirty years.

The four chapters upon the pastoral relation are worthy the careful study of every man. We especially liked his treatment of the matter of pastoral calls. The minister who studies this book will be well equipped. (The Methodist Book Concern, New York. pp. 307; price \$3.00 net.)

The Redwood City Church has met with another serious loss by automobile accident in the death of L. P. Behrens, president of the bank and for a long time a leader in the Church. Mr. Behrens and his family were traveling north to Orlando, when their car skidded on the slippery pavement and overturned. He only lived a few hours after the accident.

FIRST THINGS FIRST.

The aim of the W. B. M. P. for the coming year is to use as much strength and enthusiasm as was put into the Jubilee toward raising the full apportionment. Not only are we eager for all the societies to have their share so that there may be progress and no retrenchment of the Congregational work, as a whole, but in order to hold our own present work with our Jubilee missionaries we must have \$10,000 more than was received from the Branches, for the regular work last year. After our Jubilee record we must not have to retrench or face a deficit at the end of the year.

If the men and women on the Coast realize the

needs and the strategic opportunities which this apportionment meets, there will be no trouble in getting the money. There is plenty of telling information. To get this over to them in an interesting, convincing way should be our program and this can be done best perhaps by lively schools of missions for the whole church such as is told about in the following article. Every church which has tried it has been enthusiastic.

HELEN S. RANNEY.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS.

Every department of the North Church Berkeley, had some part in the School of Missions and co-operated splendidly in carrying out the program.

For six Sunday evenings, seven groups met for an hour's study, they assembled in the auditorium for a forty-five minute session. There were pictures of Japan on the screen; an exhibition of Japanese curios; a S. S. Missionary Christmas Tree; an original pageant by the Intermediates; music by Japanese guests; address by T. Togasaki and M. Komatsu; with a summary of the study by the pastor for the closing program.

About two hundred people attended the study groups, which met in the homes or the Social House. Several preferred to meet around the supper table, others arranged special programs, all used the prescribed text books. Good-will was increased, not only for the Japanese at home and abroad, but for each other. One immediate result is the formation of a Junior Endeavor.

A spirit of adventure and good cheer has been apparent, but through it all has been earnestness and much prayer. The Church Bulletin says: "One of the finest achievements of North Church in recent years has been the Study of Japan."—E. C. M.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS.

Whittier—This church has vital connections with our work of Christianizing Turkey, through Dr. Cass Reid, a member of the Church, and acting President of International College in Smyrna. In his visit to this country, Dr. Reid spent several days with his home Church, speaking at various meetings. When speaking to the Men, they inquired how they could best promote his work. He suggested that the men provide scholarships at the local Whittier College for two former students of International College, one an Armenian, the other a Greek; and this plan was heartily accepted.

An interesting experience comes to the Church through co-operation in a venture sponsored by the Committee on International Justice and Good Will of the State Federation. Pastor Day exchanges correspondence with the Pastor in Matsuyama Japan;

the Church School, Brotherhood, Women's Societies, etc, exchange letters with the corresponding Societies in the Japanese Church. This sensible method of promoting international friendship might well be widely utilized by Churches on the Pacific Coast with happy results.

In the past few years, extensive oil development in the area tributary to Whittier, has brought great wealth and a rapid increase of population. Correspondingly, under the kindly ministration of Rev. Ernest E. Day, and his good wife, the Church has advanced in membership from 427 to over 600. And moreover the people have shown their gratification by more than doubling his salary. Meanwhile the building thought in 1910 to be a model of beauty and adequacy, is now found to need various enlargements and alterations. With the future location somewhat uncertain, the Church contents itself with building at this time a temporary structure for the use of its Church School.

Hollywood First—Heavy emphasis this fall is laid upon The Church Night, in mid-week, to make it most profitable. No longer following the plan of a simple, democratic, devotional meeting, programs for each week are very carefully prepared with announced subjects and set speakers. After the Fall Rally, the opening meeting in this plan was attended by 131 persons. They come to dinner; then an assembly with address, then dispersion in classes. For October, the general subject was "Our Church", and the weekly series, "Its Aim", "Its Organization", "Its Children" and "In Action". For November, a School of Missions was held. An address was given at assembly. Following it were two classes; one for adults led by Mrs. James Lash, and one for children by Mrs. Percy Anderson. The general subject was "The Child and America's Future". November 1st, Rev. E. P. Ryland, chairman of the Social Service Commission of the Church Federation of Los Angeles gave the address. November 7th, Vivian E. Linden, graduate nurse, "Saving Young Bodies." November 14th, Harry M. Shafer, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, "Education". November 21st, "Conditions among Foreigners in Los Angeles", Miss Elsie Newton of the Y. W. C. A., Miss Beglaroff, Russian Sec-

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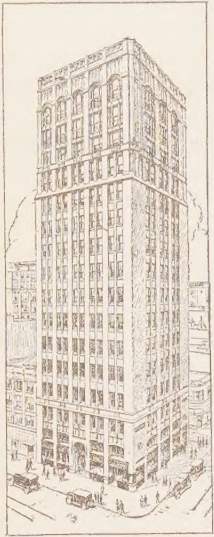
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older group up stairs; then at seven o'clock all join in a forum meeting with a selected speaker.

Rialto—An experimental station for the church federation idea, Christian Baptist, Congregational, joining. Success not decided. However, with the tolerant, intelligent leadership of Rev. A. B. Roberts, congregational matters have become more hopeful. Members have been received and there is a good spirit.

San Bernardino An interesting feature in this prosperous Church is the Children's Church held during the hour of Sunday morning service, by the wife of the Minister, Mrs. Henry Mowbray. At the Bethel Branch, cramped quarters limit the classes to eleven, with none older than second year High. An evening service there meets good response.

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retary, Miss Pilibossian, Armenian secretary. November 28th, Dramatics, "The Key and the Book", directed by Mrs. Percy Anderson. December 5th, Pageant, "Christ in America", directed by Mrs. Estelle Ryan Snyder. December 12th, Concluding address by Rev. G. Bromley Oxman of the Church of All Nations.

Sierra Madre—Before taking his vacation in the East in September and October, the men of the congregational showed their appreciation to their minister, Rev. W. A. Tate, in the form of a "shower" and evening reception. The Church has appointed committees to campaign for a new building, the objective being \$50,000. In its beautiful location at 2000 feet over against Mount Wilson, this Church for years the "Community Church", remains the leading spiritual force in its lovely little city.

Buena Park—This little Church 23 miles from Los Angeles had the joy to entertain the Los Angeles Association with 200 present, showing themselves capable of caring for so large a company with a hospitality delightful to all. The Church is moving forward under the leadership of their Minister, Rev S. F. Hilgenfeld, 181, for instance, being in attendance at their rally Day Observance.

Perris—The parsonage has been moved to a choice site of three lots close to the church, greatly improving the property. Led by Mrs. Serviss, wife of the Minister, the Christian Endeavor Society, has been reorganized and its attendance increased from half a dozen to some 50.

Bloomington—This is another country Church among the orange groves. With the coming of the new minister, Rev. W. E. Fry, new life and interest have abounded in all departments, and an increase in membership by 20.

Yucaipa—The minister, Rev. Chester Ferris, welcomes a new Chevrolet, as a gift from some of the men in Redlands and Yucaipa. In this spreading parish, an auto is an assistant pastor.

Etiwanda—That this choice stretch of grape and citrus territory has maintained its spiritual unity in the one Church-Congregational—is largely due to the kindly personality of Rev. Clyde Greenlea and his wife, who have led the work there for nine years. There is a host of high school young people, happy in their church life. One of their activities has been the redecoration of their assembly room. This is the method for Sunday evenings: from six o'clock for an hour, the young people down stairs, and the